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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 6.00PM ON TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE ELMS

In attendance: Cllrs Kay Solomon (Chair), Judith Sheppard, (ex officio Peter Noel, Paul Oatway), Andy Bateman (NHPSG) and the Clerk, Lisa Tuck. 2 members of the public.

P56.19 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

No public questions were received.

P57.19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Judy Fellingham.

P58.19 DISPENSATIONS

There were none received.

P59.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Peter Noel declared an interest in P61.19(a), as a neighbour.

P60.19 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 13th August 2019, circulated to members, were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

P61.19 APPLICATIONS

(a) Application No. WD/D/19/001728
Yarrow, 3 Westcliff Road
Extend balcony to edge of flat roof extension (part retrospective) – **The Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds:**

- 1. With the increased size of the balcony, greater occupancy is possible and there would be more opportunity to overlook neighbouring properties;**
- 2. The hedge which provides privacy currently, is unmaintained and if it were maintained, may not provide the same level of privacy.**

The Council suggest that screens, similar to those to be provided on the north west elevation, could be included for the south west elevation.

(b) Application No. WD/D/19/001837
Cherry Tree Cottage, Meadow Way
Remove flat roof from garage and add raised pitched roof, to form ancillary accommodation - **The Parish Council object to this application as it is felt to be a significant development rather than**

just the addition of a pitched roof which will reduce daylight to the neighbouring property and overlook the adjacent garden.

P62.19 APPROVAL/REFUSAL/WITHDRAWAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION/TREE APPLICATIONS:

- (a) Application No. WD/D/19/001345
Treetops, Old Lyme Hill
Erection of extension – **Approved**

P63.19 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Report of Planning Training in Bridport on 4 September – Kay Solomon and Paul Oatway attended. It was felt that it was an interesting exercise which was mainly aimed at Bridport and larger developments although some useful tips were learned. One suggestion is that the Parish Council write to the LPA asking that, when PPQ's for the Parish are received by the LPA, a letter be sent from the Parish Council inviting the individual to discuss their proposals with the Council in a non-prejudicial way. In addition, mitigation was suggested as a helpful way forward but this may require discussion with Dorset Council as when this was tried recently, it was ignored. In West Dorset, where there is a shortage of allocated sites for development, it is difficult to defend the existing development boundary lines.
- (b) National Park Status – correspondence with Dorset Council. Dorset Council confirm that Natural England will be doing an assessment of the proposal to investigate whether it meets the criteria for designation, but they are waiting until after the Glover review has concluded. (The Glover review is a national review of the effectiveness of national park and AONB designations and their management, which is likely to report later this year and is expected to include general recommendations about the scope for new national parks).
- (c) Letter to DC Planning Team re access to Idox Planning site – update. A response had been received which wasn't particularly helpful although the site seems to be working better.
- (d) Communication re land adjacent to Nutcombe Close – update. A meeting is still trying to be arranged with the complainant.

P64.19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

- (a) Andy Bateman reported that over the summer the SG had been meeting every 2 weeks to review each section of the plan – scrutinising each others sections. It is now up to each author to update their section and reflect those comments. It is hoped to bring the whole document together soon and have the first draft by the end of the year. Good communication has been maintained with Dorset Council throughout and they have been very helpful. Once again, Kay Solomon thanked Andy and the whole team for their ongoing efforts.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.